ray heer

To:

Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 7:14 PM

Subject:

Loosening regulations

Thank you so much for your support for extending the June 2 deadline in order to have public hearings on changing the rules for FCC. It would be bad enough to practically eliminate a "free press" because of the consolidation of power in the hands of a few, but it is outrageous that the FCC will vote on this without adequate public hearings. The limited contacts some of the FCC members have with the general American public makes them vulnerable to the influence of the privileged few who want the power to control America's media. I am further outraged that the text of the proposal is not to be released to the public before the vote.

Please continue to do everything you can to delay the June 2 vote and have adequate public hearings.

Most earnestly, Dr. Ray Heer

Larry & Diane Cooper

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 7:25 PM

Subject:

Cross-owmership

Dear FCC members,

We urge you to postpone your vote on Monday to end the ban on cross-ownership of television stations and newspapers. We are already alarmed that three companies own half the radio stations in the U.S., neglecting local news and issues.

In addition, we do not find any meaningful debate on the critical issues of our time on the major TV networks, obviously due to corporate influence.

We implore you to seek public comment and debate, and only then make a decision in the "public interest".

Thank You.

Diane Cooper (Plymouth, Michigan) Larry Cooper (Plymouth, Michigan)

CC:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

jonaítis@mail2.udallas.edu

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadelste@fcc..fcc.gov

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 7:33 PM

Subject:

Re: "No" to FCC ownership deregulation

I am writing because I do not want the TV and other media to be deregulated, like the radio is now. That means that one person can own all the channels and we will not receive a variety of information.

I want to know the real news from many different points of view. I want to know how many civilians are being killed in Iraq, not only how many soldiers. I want to know what we are really doing to rebuild the country, not what some channels say that we are doing. I want to know what is really happening to the Palestinians because our government gives money to the Israeli's for weapons. What a travesty. Please do not deregulate so that our country can remain free and just say it's free.

Sincerely, Dorothy Jonaitis, OP 4514 W. Pioneer Drive #30 Irving, TX 75061

Alex Garcia-Tobar

To: Date: Michael Copps Thu, May 29, 2003 7:42 PM

Subject:

Keep it up!

Michael,

Please keep up the amazingly good work you are doing in the face of an onslaught of money and big business. Thank you for doing your part in protecting our liberty and free press/opinion.

You are admirable and courageous!

Alexander C. Garcia-Tobar Mobile: +1.650.208.2420

Email: alex@garcia-tobar.com

----Original Message-----

From: Michael Copps [mailto:MCOPPS@fcc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2003 4:01 PM

To: alex@garcia-tobar.com

Subject: Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thank you

for your message concerning medi

Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know

that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important

not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains

country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks

for getting in touch.

E. S. Bent

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 8:11 PM

Subject:

Regarding FCC Meeting of 6/2/2003

To: Michael K. Powell, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Michael J. Copps, Kevin J. Martin, & Jonathan S. Adelstein

From: E. S. Bent Date: May 29, 2003

Subject: Freedom Vs. The June 2, 2003 FCC Meeting Regarding Broadcast Regulation And Etc.

The FCC will make a grave mistake if it further "deregulates" media ownership. The country will not be better served by such action. There will not be increased diversity nor more competition. The very idea that less regulation in order to "empower" the already powerful is healthy for America's freedom of speech and indeed, freedom of the press, is ludicrous on its face. The actions proposed are nothing less than legally sanctioned monopoly. And nothing short of sliding down that slippery slope towards an autocratic state.

With all due respect, I ask that the FCC members reconsider their position on this issue. Quite frankly, I find it difficult to believe that the issue is being considered at all. Chairman Powell has opined that "surgery" must be done now, or we will face the danger of changes through "judicial regime". The surgery here seems to mean an all-you-can-eat binge for conglomerates, so that in a few years, there will be nothing left - just one big, bloated media pig, feeding us what we "should know". And I cannot understand what the reference to the judiciary means. Does the Chairman (who worked in the Dept. of Justice's Anti-Trust Division) have no faith in the fairness of our system? This does not make any sense. But then, neither does the proposed deregulation.

I fear that "revisiting" the issue after the lid comes off and after some time has passed, will simply be too late. There is a clear danger here for the future - a future with an uninformed American public. Or perhaps that is by design? In any case, the FCC's arguments have not convinced me of one single thing in their proposed actions that will be an improvement for the people of this country. No good can come of this at all - only harm to America and its freedom - in the form of control of profits and control of message. I would hope that the United States Senate will take action to quash this ill-advised measure should the FCC fail to do its duty.

Thank you for your consideration of this most serious matter.

Very truly yours,

Emily Susan Bent, Citizen, Voter 500 W. Lathrop Road Columbia, MO 65203-2804

CC: senator@breaux.senate.gov, senator@dorgan.senate.gov, olympia@snowe.senate.gov, senator@biden.senate.gov, senator@rockefeller.senate.gov, arlen_specter@specter.senate.gov, senator_talent@talent.senate.gov, senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov, senator@kennedy.senate.gov, tom_harkin@harkin.senate.gov, russell_feingold@feingold.senate.gov

Sharon Jenkins - Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thankyou for your message concerning mediage 1

From:

Maurine Behrend

To: Date: Michael Copps Thu, May 29, 2003 8:19 PM

Subject:

Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thankyou for your

message concerning medi

Just so you know - I got an immediate reply from representative Pombo saying that he would send a letter with his position on this issue - First time that has EVER happened with ANY elected official!!!!

- > From: "Michael Copps" <MCOPPS@fcc.gov> > Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 20:03:00 -0400
- > To: <mbehrend@attbi.com>
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- > country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with
- > your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks
- > for getting in touch.

Hmssmith@aol.com

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 9:16 PM

Subject:

(no subject)

I strongly oppose the proposition which would lift the limitations on multiple ownership of media outlets. There is already concern about the concentration of ownership of media sources, with a few giant corporations operating cable, film, broadcast media, and newspapers. That the public interest is served by such alliances is a myth perpetuated by the relatively few who stand to gain huge sums of money from the acquisitions.

Most people get their news from the "mainstream" press. Only a small percentage of the population seek out alternative sources or search for dialectical treatments of ideas and issues. When those mainstream sources are under the influence of a single overriding philosophy, there is little chance that opposing viewpoints will be presented fairly. The dangers inherent in such a scenario should be apparent to anyone committed to serving the public interest, which is, I believe, the intended purpose of the Federal Communications Commission.

Suzanne Smith Dayton, Ohio

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To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjm.web@fcc.gov, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 9:18 PM

Subject:

<no subject>

Dear Chairman Michael Powell and Commissioners,

Please delay the June 2nd vote to allow more time for public discourse and debate on the serious issue of media concentration and ownership.

We must maintain diversity to remain a strong democracy.

Thank you.

Dr. Jeffrey Fuson

Lisl Fuson

Farmington, ME

Phil Krueger

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 9:39 PM

Subject:

<No Subject>

Dear Commissioner Powell,

I am writing to encourage you to delay implementing the new relaxed rules for station ownership you are supposedly planning to implement. These proposals should be made public for comment before any action is taken. I am very much against any action that would further reduce the number of station owners and therefore reduce the number of opinions available in the media for public discussion. Americans have always thrived on a diversity of opinions freely publicized by our media. The United States cannot remain a democracy without it.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Krueger 4177 Kraft Ave. Studio City, CA 91604

CC:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

From: To: Date: Subject: > Dear Sir,

sandyjm1

Kathleen Abernathy

Thu, May 29, 2003 10:18 PM

Fw: Fostering free press & democracy

---- Original Message -----

From: "sandyjm1" <sandyjm1@msn.com>

To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2003 9:08 PM Subject: Fostering free press & democracy

In the upcoming FCC meeting regarding the media moguls, please vote

> promote not to let the news media become further controlled by a small

> of huge corporations who may have a vested interested in restricting & > distorting the information & ideas disseminated in the U.S. & world which

> would benefit those corporations but not necessarily the general public.

> value democracy, which cannot survive without freedom of an independent

> press & availability of many points of view. Democracy is fragile & the > development of the USA has been miraculous. Please

> consider preservation of this miracle as the right thing to do.

Thank you. >

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CC:

Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

Blanca E. DeGarr-Rizzi

To:

Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell, Michael

Copps

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 10:33 PM

Subject:

Fw: Hold the FCC accountable to do its Regulation job

Greetings Sir(s) and Madam(s),

Allow me to introduce myself to you in this electronic medium until we, hopefully someday, meet in person. I am Blanca E. Degarr-Rizzi. I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. My concerns are clearly outlined for you to consider as you make determinations affecting all Americans and, quite possibly, our attainment of information. Kindly read the letter/e-mail I sent to our fine President elect Commander-In-Chief, and accept these views from a truly concerned parent's point of view.

The American Public has to fully understand the magnitude of the decision the FCC plans to make on it's own, for us all. I recommend that the FCC sponsor a debate event, as it is considering removing the regulations established which help protect and preserve the livelihoods of many entertainment companies and folks working for them. Therefore, it would seem only fair and just to allow this debate to be publicized and allow the American Public to partake in the decision by voting on this matter affecting how our American Media's voice sounds today and tomorrow.

We have the right to know that this scheduled hearing on June 2nd, 2003, is fair. Folks, it is not fair until all America has ample opportunity to know that it exists, ample opportunity to evaluate the pros and cons and we have the right to take a vote on what We The People want the FCC to do about how our American Media functions. We vote on bills, we vote in elections, we certainly need to call for a vote on this matter.

Thank you all for you attention to this urgent matter.

Good Thoughts/Good Day

---- Original Message -----

From: Blanca E. DeGarr-Rizzi To: president@whitehouse.gov

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2003 2:36 PM

Subject: Hold the FCC accountable to do its Regulation job

Dearest Mr. President and First Lady,

I'm Blanca E. Degarr-Rizzi. I have you written several political poems expressing my views on attaining peace, my dedication as a full-time mother, my love for our fine country and my support of you and the choices you make as our government leader. So as your friend, I ask that you please consider the following issue I present to you today which stem from a major concern about how the media industry needs regulations in order to promote a healthy and diverse entertainment industry. But also are dear to me, as I have a personal investment affiliation for my friends and admire their passion and dedication to the endeavors which change the course of history for all people. I have this faith in you and I have this faith in Mr. Leonard Hill, of Len Hill Films, Los Angeles. In the late 80s, Mr. Hill produced the shortlived television series "Rags to Riches" on which I costarred along with Joseph Bologna, Tisha Campbell, Kimiko Gelman, Heidi Ziegler and Douglas Seale. Yes, my personal attachments have contributed to my position's cause, however, one must always appreciate passion and charisma! Please, do read on:

FCC Chairperson, Michael Powell's, comments were played on the Rush Limbaugh show radio 610 am today. They were discussing his views and position about media deregulation. What Mr Powell did not address was the necessity of keeping the airwaves free to the American public. He addressed the need to expand and change with the times, but what he did not relay was the impact of deregulation on the smaller

networks and on the present-day television companies. Nor how the media would become a monopoly of only the big power groups. He claimed that we have significantly more viewing options now, as the result of hundreds of new television channels, yet, these programs have been made, in great part, on the backbone of the regulations presently established. Corresponding dialogue needs to be voiced to the American people in support of FCC Regulation by its constituents. Mr. Leonard Hill is the government chairperson in support of FCC Regulatory practice and and I strongly feel that such corresponding dialogue is necessary in order to mantain the integrity of a fair debate - and vote.

We live in a time where folks are turned-off by "conservatism" and "liberalism". We've become definition desensitized. We tend to think that deregulation is a favorable term, due to the timing - and the general assumption of its definition. Most folks are acting on a preconception of what it means, instead of finding out "What does deregulation mean?" and then. "What does it mean to me?". Deregulation means a Decrease in the production of quality material by shutting the opportunity for newer, smaller companies to produce material. Deregulation removes the sentinel we call Competition. Deregulation creates a Decrease in Choice. Deregulation closes the door on New Television Companies from ever opening for the first time. Deregulation prevents the Smaller Television Companies in existence from ever having the chance to grow up on their own. Most folks remain devoted to the main television networks for news and entertainment. Therefore, without the FCC Regulations which protect the smaller television companies/networks/newsgroups, entertainment -diversity would not be protected and those large, amoeba-like media companies (Disney, Universal, Time Warner etc) would buy up/out, or essentially eat-up, the smaller television companies. Essentially Dereglation would allow the Larger Companies to take over multiple media groups, therefore having the ability of controlling almost all information relayed to the American people! This means, a big company comprising of one or more movie companies, one or more television companies, one or more radio stations and one or more newspaper companies will have to power to ensure that the SAME NEWS is broadcast on it's network/radio/newspaper everywhere but NOT ensuring the ACCURACY of what is shared. That's why competittion is necessary.

How would we feel if we went to the grocery store and found only 1 brand of cereal to eat because "All cereal companies are made by the same parent cereal manufacturer"? Or how would we feel if we went to the furniture store to get a sleepersofa, at "All Sleepersofas are made by The Only Sleepersofa Company"? As an American, this idea is offensive to me. I like choice, I like options and I like knowing that the options are protected for those who produce and/or consume! I like knowing that I can walk into the grocery store and have several hundred brands of different products to try. I like seeing the results of healthy and fair competition. This could be classified as an affirmative action case for the minority television company leaders.

So, if there is only a few cereal manufacturers making all the cereal, where is the competition? OUT the window - along with CHOICE! Lots of folks don't like competition, lots of folks think that competition is unhealthy or causes mental trauma of sorts...but competition is what makes us get up early to go to perform our workday, get dressed in stylish clothes, put on the cheekrouge, eat the healhier brand of bread, make the most sales and earn the most income to support those dearest to us. Competition, to many, is a motivational tool. For without it, we may become lax in making the best product because - if we made the only product - why would we try any harder? Everyone is different and the reason why everyone is different is because we are all made uniquely! We are each our own FCC of sorts, protecting our views, deciding our own thoughts for day's programming, learning/replaying our own news...and we know that without healthy self-imposed regulations, we'd also be failing ourselves!

I like knowing that America protects the integrity of these rights and I like knowing that America sees the necessity of protecting the small, Mom and Pop companies from becoming prey for the big monopolies. FCC Regulations are necessary to protect the means of expression, not simply the product. I thank you kindly for your consideration of my views and I offer my prayers for you and your dear ones, always.

Yours Very Truly,

Blanca E. Degarr-Rizzi

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CC:

B Graham, GW Bush public, L Hill, B Degarr

Gene Walls

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadleste@fcc.gov

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 10:37 PM

Subject:

Hearing

FCC Chairman Michael Powell, et. al.

You have a hell of a mess with radio and now you want to invade the TV and newspaper areas of PUBLIC communications!

YOU MAY HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE BIGGIES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ALONG WITH THEIR BEAN COUNTERS AND WITH ACADEMICSBUT WHAT ABOUT WE THE PEOPLE? I FOR ONE HAV NOT HEARD A WORD ABOUT YOUR HEARINGS AND COULDN'T COME TO THEM PERSONALLY.

The newspaper, the Phoenix Republic has become just an advertising medium. Just look at the advertising vs the actual news content, and take out the magazine articles it carries and you have ziltch for newsworthyness. The FCC along with the unions have decimated the printed media, now take a bow.

Now you want to do the same with television, where you have BIG BUSINESS, UNIONS, and the NAB that have already brought a sorry state to this medium. Damn the PUBLIC, and carry on the BIG BUSINESS of the broadcast media. There is more free sports, there is more free same-same news, more junk being broadcastall because you deem it necessary for the BIG BUSINESSES called TV, dish and cable.

In truth Mr. Chairman you dont read the newspaper, you dont listen to radio, you cant watch cable, dish or TV broadcastyou probably only read the financial newspapers!

I for one, am sick and tired of the degrading of the communications mediaand you wont do what is right for THE PEOPLE. You only do right for BIG BUSINESS and their bean counters!

Sincerely,

Eugene C. Walls P.O. Box 1636 (we do not even get delivery of the mail here), Forest Lakes Estates, Arizona 85931

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To:

Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen

Abernathy

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 10:54 PM

Subject:

large corporations/censorship/CLEARCHANNEL

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT LARGE CORPORATIONS, SUCH AS CLEAR CHANNEL, SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO OWN MORE THAN ONE TELEVISION STATION, RADIO STATION, OR NEWSPAPER. ALL THEY WILL DO IS CENSOR WHAT REALLY GOES ON.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DIXIE CHICKS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE THAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS NO LONGER TOLERATED. WITH COMPANIES SUCH AS THESE, OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS WILL BE TAKEN AWAY. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN ON JUNE 2, 2003.

THE PUBLIC IS COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP. WE ALL KNOW THAT MONOPOLIES SUCH AS THESE ARE ONLY DESTRUCTIVE, SO PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

THIS IS A NONPARTISAN ISSUE -- THIS IS EVERYONE'S ISSUE! PEOPLE DO INDEED NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. THE FCC IS THE ULTIMATE IN THIS PARTICULAR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, SO I URGE YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER VOTING AGAINST LETTING COMPANIES SUCH AS CLEAR CHANNEL TO TAKE OVER, IT'S MAIN CONCERN IS TO MAKE PROFITS, NOT THE WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOU TIME,

ARIEL ADAMS

Paul Andrews

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:04 PM

Subject:

Upcoming FCC Meeting

Dear Honorable Chairman and Esteemed Commissioners:

As you know your commission is holding an open meeting on Monday June 2 to consider a report and order concerning its broadcast multiple ownership rules. It has been reported that the commission has already made its decision in this matter in favor of a more advantageous cross ownership policy to the detriment of public interest and diversity. It also seems that even though members of the congress and the senate have asked for more discussion, a delay is not being considered.

I believe that too many media outlets are being consolidated under too few corporations and homogenized to a degree where opposing healthy discussion and opinion will be restricted. I find this a disturbing power to entrust to too few media giants.

I urge the commissioners of the FCC to entertain additional deep and thoughtful discussion regarding what were once the people's airwaves.

Respectfully,

Paul Andrews

Arlington Heights, IL

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To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:22 PM

Subject:

Sec. 202

Thank you for your time. I am writing you with the hope that you will work towards reducing the share that any single company may control over a given U.S. media market. Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act should work to increase corporate competition by reducing any one company's control over the market. Otherwise, corporate media will die-off due to lack of interest. Thanks, BARN

Donna L. Vukelich

To:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:36 PM

Subject:

<No Subject>

May 29, 2003

Dear Commissioners Abernathy and Adelstein,

I am writing to urge you to please NOT go through with the proposed rule changes that the FCC is contemplating.

The whole process has been extremely undemocratic, and I find it bizarre that we are criticizing nations that curtail freedom of the press when these proposed rule changes would make it difficult, if not impossible, for most Americans to really have their interests represented or their voices heard.

Please think carefully about the history of the FCC--each of you is to protect OUR interests, not hide from us

the process that will ultimately cut us out of the media loop.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Vukelich Madison, Wisconsin

"A time comes when silence is betrayal."
-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. --

Donna L. Vukelich University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education Curriculum & Instruction 444-E Teacher Ed Building 225 N. Mills Street Madison, WI 53706

Woodard

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:41 PM

Subject:

<No Subject>

Will the Bush administration stop at nothing??

What gives 5 FCC commissioners the right to hand 3 or 4 media giants the power to control virtually all TV, radio, and newspapers in this country? And to do it secretly--this should be investigated. The media is already in too few hands.

When there is an emergency locally, there is no radio station broadcasting information. I think the FCC wants us to be vulnerable to terrorism and natural disaster. Tin cans would be an improvement.

Nancy Woodard 200 La Media Road SW Albuquerque NM 87105

stacy_harris@juno.com

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:42 PM

Subject:

Keep Crossovnership Ban

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a concerned citizen, I feel helpless to persuade you and your fellow commissioners of the danger of eliminating the FCC's 28-year ban on cross-ownership of local media.

Media consolidation "as is" is bad enough. Please do not approve any changes.

Again, please retain the cross-ownership ban.

Thank you.

Stacy Harris 4215 Harding Road Nashville, TN 37205 (615) 269-0349

CC:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

John Fineberg

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:49 PM

Subject:

Act Now To Protect Our Airwaves

Dear Commissioners,

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

John Fineberg Minneapolis, MN

John Fineberg Owner, Principal Writer Ability Communications (612) 377-6939

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